

( No Report. )

FEBRUARY 28, 1843.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McKENNAN, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported the following bill:

## A BILL

To authorize an experiment to test the utility of an invention of a snag-fender of Josiah W. Kirk's.

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2     *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3     the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to  
4     cause an experiment to be made, to test the efficiency and  
5     practical utility of Josiah W. Kirk's Mississippi boat-fender,  
6     an invention designed to protect steamboats from injury  
7     from snags; and, to defray the expense of such experiment,  
8     one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any  
9     money not otherwise appropriated, to be drawn from the  
10    Treasury on the warrant of the Secretary of War.